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**Patent Application**

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Inventor(s): Ryuichi Iwamura

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SECURE DIGITAL DECODER

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(Under 37 CFR §1.53)

Transmitted herewith is the above identified patent application, including:

- Specification, claims and abstract, totaling 31 pages.
- Formal drawings, totaling ..... pages.
- Informal drawings, totaling 9 pages.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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The fees due for filing the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and for recording of the Assignment, if any, are determined as follows:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEES
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00
Total Claims	25	Minus 20=	5	X \$18=	\$90.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus 3=	0	X \$80=	\$0.00
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This application is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 in the name of the above-identified Inventor(s).

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Respectfully submitted,

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## 1. Name of conveying Ryuichi Iwamura

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## 3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment

Execution Date: 10/19/00

## 4. New Patent Application entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SECURE DIGITAL DECODER

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In consideration of good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we

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do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics, Inc. (hereinafter called the Assignees), a Corporation of Delaware and its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements, including the right of priority in, to, and under, the application for the United States patent entitled:

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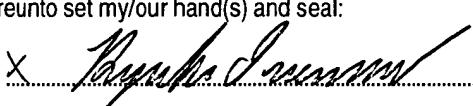
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Inventor's Signature:   Date:  October 19, 2000